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For: SNACK CHIP HAVING IMPROVED DIP CONTAINMENT AND A GRIP REGION

RESPONSE AFTER OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

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Applicant(s)

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Title

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